

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 65

Introduced by Assembly Member Alejo

December 17, 2014

An act to add Title 14 (commencing with Section 14400) to Part 4 of the Penal Code, relating to peace officers, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 65, as introduced, Alejo. Local law enforcement: body-worn cameras: matching grant program.

Existing law generally requires local agencies to provide each newly hired police officer and deputy sheriff with a pistol and other specified equipment.

This bill would appropriate an unspecified sum from the General Fund to the Department of Justice for purposes of matching federal funds available to purchase body-worn cameras and related equipment for use by local peace officers. The bill would require the department to develop a matching grant program for local jurisdictions that would either allow the state to apply for federal matching funds on behalf of a local law enforcement entity, or to reimburse a local law enforcement entity that has expended its funds for purposes of obtaining federal matching funds for body-worn cameras, as described.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Title 14 (commencing with Section 14400) is added to Part 4 of the Penal Code, to read:

TITLE 14. BODY-WORN CAMERA MATCHING GRANT
PROGRAM FOR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

14400. The Department of Justice shall develop a matching grant program for the purpose of matching federal funds available to local law enforcement entities to purchase body-worn cameras and related data storage and equipment. The matching grant program shall allow the state either to apply for federal matching funds on behalf of a local law enforcement entity, or to reimburse a local law enforcement entity that has expended its funds for federal matching fund purposes.

14402. The state matching grant program shall comport with requirements of the federal matching fund program for purposes of purchasing body-worn cameras for use by local peace officers.

SEC. 2. There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Justice, the amount of ____ dollars (\$____) for the purpose of matching federal funds available to local law enforcement entities to purchase body-worn cameras and related data storage and equipment.